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What is the Meaning of Allah?

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Shaikh Saalim At Taweel (*hafithahuAllah*) asked the attendees, "Tayyib [okay], here's a question and I hope it's not hard for you [to answer], what's the meaning of Allah?"

[The attendees are silent]

The Shaikh continues: "Are you serious, oh Muslims; you don't know the meaning of Allah; what's the meaning of Allah? Oh Muslims, [in a situation] that a disbeliever stops and asks, 'Who do you worship?' You'll reply, 'I worship Allah.' He asks, 'and what's the meaning of Allah?' The name Allah, what's it mean, hmmm?"

An attendee replies, "Al-Waahid, Al-Ahad" (The One, The Only).

The Shaikh replies, "Al-Wahid, Al-Ahad, hmmm..."

Another attendee replies, "It's a phrase that describes holiness."

The Shaikh replies: "Phrase that describes holiness, hmmm, and what's the definition of such a phrase?"

Another attendee replies, "Allah is the compilation of all of Allah's names."

The Shaikh repeats, "What's the meaning of Allah?"

[The attendees are once again silent].

The Shaikh continues: "Tayyib [okay], this is the benefit of the day, and if for the next ten years you learn nothing but this, then it suffices you – it suffices you to know the meaning of 'Allah'.

The origin of [the word] 'Allah' is Al-Ilaah [The Only One Worshipped In Truth]. 'Al-Ilaah' [The Only One Worshipped In Truth] and 'Allah' are one and the same. In [the word] Allah, the hamza was deleted for ease of pronunciation, so it [the word Al-Ilaah] became the word, 'Allah'. And as the brother had said before, we know that the meaning of Al-Ilaah means "The Only One Worshipped In Truth." So we know that the meaning of 'Allah' is "The Only One Worshipped In Truth. [The Shaikh Repeats]: Al-Ilaah – the hamza was deleted for ease of pronunciation and [the word] became 'Allah' instead of saying Al-Ilaah; so Allah means, 'The Only One Worshipped In Truth,' so He is indeed The Only One Who is worthy to be worshipped [alone], without any partners."

